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says is probably basically true. Now to the extent they admit it is just a number in the ballpark. Whether it is more or less, I don't know and I don't think anybody else knows. Now whether we are in a position of keeping faith with those old people, that's a matter of individual responsibility. I have attempted to be as plain as I could and as honest as desirable in order to bring about to you the situation I think exists and I move for the adoption of the amendments and I ask for a Roll Call vote.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill?
Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: I just have two questions. First of all, does this leave the age the same at 65 and secondly, what is the dollar amount of the "A" bill on this particular amendment?

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, will you yield?

SENATOR CARPENTER: The qualifications have not been changed, Senator. Number one that they have to be 65, they have to live in their own home and they are qualified if and when they do not pay any income tax. Then you break that down into three categories, as I recall, if you are single, I think the amount is a couple of thousand dollars. If one of them is..if there is a married, for example, and one is all that is qualified and one isn't, it goes up to a certain amount. I think the top is around, pretty close to \$4000 that two people can earn who are in this category and who do not have to pay any income tax. Insofar as the cost, Senator Burbach has a letter, he indicates somewhere about anywhere from four to eight million dollars.

SENATOR STAHMER: Certainly will be an "A" bill then to that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: No "A" bill at all. The law is already on the books, you either pay them this and this body will have to raise the money or you leave it like it is and disappoint a lot of people.

SENATOR STAHMER: All right.

SPEAKER: There is nobody else who wishes to speak so Senator Carpenter, do you wish to close on your amendment. No closing. He has asked for a Roll Call vote. So..

CLERK: Roll Call vote.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp voting aye. Mr. Clerk, Senator DeCamp voting aye.

CLERK: Senator DeCamp voting aye. 28 ayes, 8 nays, remainder not voting.

SPEAKER: The Carpenter amendment is adopted to LB 114. Are there further amendments to the bill?

CLERK: Yes.

SPEAKER: The clerk will read.

CLERK: Now, the second amendment, Mr. President, is a long computer print-out. I don't know if you want me to read it or not. It is offered by Senator Warner. It is found on Page 1111 of the Legislative Journal and the only new portion is as follows: Read.